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SUBJECT: OAS JAMAICAN DELEGATION TO INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE
OF MINISTERS OF LABOR

REF: STATE 221322

1. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL, JAMAICAN DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED
OF FOLLOWING:

A) ERNEST G. PEART, MINISTER OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
(HEAD OF DELEGATION).

B) ASTLEY N LESLIE, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT. BORN JULY 1, 1925, HADD0, WESTMORE-
LAND, JAMAICA. ATTENDED KINGSTON TECHNICAL SCHOOL; B.SC
ECON (LONDON), 1957; STUDIED PRIVATELY AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.
JOINED JAMAICAN CIVIL SERVICE, 1948, CLASS III CLERK
AND ROSE TO POSITIONS OF INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY IN
MINISTRY OF LABOR (SENIOR LABOR OFFICER, ASST SECRETARY
FOR MANPOWER RESEARCH, CENTRAL PLANNING UNIT, PRINCIPAL
ASST SECRETARY 1965). FELLOW OF THE ROYAL ECONOMIC
SOCIETY; MEMBER OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION

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C) MRS JEAN DYER, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER

D) LASCELLES BECKFORD, ISLAND SUPERVISOR, BUSTAMANTE INDUSTRIAL TRADE UNION. BORN OCTOBER 18, 1932 IN KINGSTON. HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ORGANIZING, NEGOTIATIONS, RECREATION, HOUSING, CREDIT UNIONS, WORKERS' EDUCATION, POLITICAL ACTION. BECKFORD MET WITH AFL-CIO UNIONS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH DRAFT LABOR LEGISLATION DURING HIS 1974 VISIT TO THE U.S. WHEN HE WAS SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE (CU) AND LABOR AS AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR.

E) V. BANCROFT EDWARDS, ASSISTANT ISLAND SUPERVISOR, NATIONAL WORKERS UNION. HAS SERVED 18-19 YEARS IN LABOR MOVEMENT. IN HIS 50'S . SPECIALIZES IN UNION NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR

2. DUE ILLNESS OF MINISTER PEART, POST UNABLE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS POSTURE OF DELEGATION. ASTLEY LESLIE, PERMANENT SECRETARY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MINISTRY OF LABOR NOW STUDYING PRELIMINARY OAS WORKING PAPERS. LESLIE ALSO SAID THAT JAMAICA DOES NOT HAVE ANY PROPOSAL TO PUT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE AT PRESENT AND HAS NOT RECEIVED PROPOSALS FROM ANY MEMBER COUNTRY ASKING FOR ITS SUPPORT.

POST HAS NO SUGGESTIONS ON UNITED STATES POSTURE AND OBJECTIVES DORRANCE

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